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ADDRESSING A
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FOR TRANSMISSION OVER A
NETWORK BASED ON THE
CONTENT THEREOF

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RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF NON-COMPLIANT APPEAL BRIEF

This paper is responsive to the (second) Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief, which was mailed on 10/25/2007. The Notification states that the summary of the claimed invention does not map independent claims 14 and 28 to the specification and drawings. The Notification further states that an entire revised brief is not required, only the section found to be defective.

Accordingly, the following is a replacement "V. SUMMARY OF CLAIMED SUBJECT MATTER" section. Applicant respectfully requests that this replacement section be entered on the record and that the appeal process be

allowed to proceed based on that and the revised appeal brief that was filed on 10/5/2007.

This paper is being submitted concurrently with an amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 41.33(b), requesting cancellation of claims 14-26.

V. SUMMARY OF CLAIMED SUBJECT MATTER

The present invention generally relates to a technique for addressing a communication (e.g., an email) and more particularly, to automatically suggesting a recipient of a communication to the sender (see, generally, Applicants' Specification at p. 16, line 15 – p. 17, line 3).

As set forth in claim 1, the invention is a method, in which first a descriptive profile of a potential recipient of a communication is accessed (Spec., p. 58, lines 1-4; p. 61, line 20 – p. 62, line 2). The potential recipient is then identified as a suggested recipient of the communication, based on an evaluation of a correspondence between content of the communication and content of the descriptive profile of the potential recipient (Spec., p. 16, line 18 – p. 17, line 3; p. 58, lines 1-4; p. 61, line 20 – p. 62, line 2). For example, the evaluation may look for keywords that are found in both the body of the communication and the profile of the potential recipient. The suggested recipient is then presented to a sender of the communication, for selection as a confirmed recipient (Spec., p. 58, line 14 et seq.; Fig. 18D, element 442), after the sender has composed a draft of the communication and before transmission of the communication to an actual recipient (Spec., p. 57, lines 7-11; Fig. 18A, elements 401 & 404). The suggested recipient is presented to the sender in conjunction with an indication (Fig. 18D) of the correspondence between the content of the communication and the content of the descriptive profile of the potential recipient (Spec., p. 58, line 22 – p. 59, line 10).

(Independent claim 14 and dependent claims 15-26 are canceled by way of amendment filed concurrently herewith under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116.)

Independent claim 27 includes means-plus-function elements. As set forth in claim 27, the invention includes a system for addressing a communication for transmission over a network (see, generally, Figs. 1 & 23). The system includes first means for accessing a descriptive profile of a potential recipient of the communication and for identifying the potential recipient as a suggested recipient based on an evaluation of a correspondence between content of the communication and content of the descriptive profile of the potential recipient (Fig. 1, elements 22 & 23; Fig. 23). The system further includes second means for presenting the suggested recipient to a sender of the communication for selection as a confirmed recipient after the sender has composed a draft of the communication and before transmission of the communication to an actual recipient and for indicating the correspondence between the content of the communication and the content of the descriptive profile of the potential recipient (Fig. 1, elements 22 & 23; Fig. 23).

As set forth in independent claim 28, the invention is a machine-readable medium storing a sequence of instructions that, when executed by a machine, cause the machine to execute a method to address a communication for transmission over a network. In the method, a descriptive profile of a potential recipient of a communication is accessed (Spec., p. 58, lines 1-4; p. 61, line 20 – p. 62, line 2). The potential recipient is then identified as a suggested recipient of the communication, based on an evaluation of a correspondence between

content of the communication and content of the descriptive profile of the potential recipient (Spec., p. 16, line 18 – p. 17, line 3; p. 58, lines 1-4; p. 61, line 20 – p. 62, line 2). The suggested recipient is then presented to a sender of the communication, for selection as a confirmed recipient (Spec., p. 58, line 14 et seq.; Fig. 18D, element 442), after the sender has composed a draft of the communication and before transmission of the communication to an actual recipient (Spec., p. 57, lines 7-11; Fig. 18A, elements 401 & 404). The suggested recipient is presented to the sender in conjunction with an indication (Fig. 18D) of the correspondence between the content of the communication and the content of the descriptive profile of the potential recipient (Spec., p. 58, line 22 – p. 59, line 10).

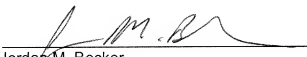
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